## IN THE CLAIMS

In a Response dated 03/25/2004 Cancelation of Claims 2-7, 9-10, 13, 16-18, 21-26, 28-29 was requested, Amendments to Claims 1, 8, 11-12, 14-15, 19-20 and 27 were requested, and New Claims 31-45 were presented. It is believed no additional Fees are due to add the New Claims in view of the Claim Cancelations.

Note: The Amendments to Claims requested in the Response Filed 03/25/04 are entered herein, (see said 03/25/04 Response for the Amendments as entered). Amendment to Claim 20 is Requested herein as directed by the Examiner in his Action Dated 06/15/2004. Should this be improper please advise and it will be redone as required by the Examiner.

1. (previously amended): A chain saw comprising a housing, a chain comprised of links which include chain link mating elements and cutters, and an elongated support extending outward from inside said housing, in the outer surface of said elongated support there being present a continuous chain channel guide into which said chain link mating elements are slideably inserted, such that during normal operation said chain link mating elements slide essentially freely through said continuous chain channel guide when forced to do so, said elongated support being slit in a longitudinal direction, such that upper and lower portions above and below the longitudinal slit can be separated from one another at least at one location along the longitudinal extent thereof, said longitudinal slit enabling separation of the upper and lower portions of said elongated support, and thereby causing tensioning of said chain;

said chain saw further comprising control means for applying

force between said upper and lower portions of the elongated support.

2. (canceled):

3. (canceled):

4. (canceled):

5. (canceled):

6. (canceled):

7. (canceled):

8. (previously amended): A chain saw comprising a housing and an elongated support extending outward from inside said housing, said elongated support having a longitudinally oriented slit therein, said longitudinal slit enabling upper and lower portions above and below said longitudinal slit to be separated from one another at least at one location along the longitudinal extent thereof;

said chain saw further comprising means for applying force between said upper and lower portions of the elongated support.

9. (canceled):

10. (canceled):

11. (previously amended): A chain saw comprising a housing, a chain comprised of links which include chain link mating elements and cutters, and an elongated support extending outward from

inside said housing, in the outer surface of said elongated support there being present a continuous chain channel guide into which said chain link mating elements are slideably inserted, such that during normal operation said chain link mating elements slide essentially freely through said continuous chain channel guide when forced to do so, said continuous chain channel guide having a lateral slit present therein which allows effecting an offset of said continuous chain channel guide thereacross said offset serving to impede the slideability of said chain link mating elements across said lateral slit;

said elongated support being slit in a longitudinal direction such that upper and lower portions above and below the longitudinal slit can be separated from one another, said longitudinal slit enabling separation of the upper and lower portions of said elongated support at least at one location along the longitudinal extent thereof, and thereby causing tensioning of said chain;

said chain saw further comprising control means for applying force between said upper and lower portions of the elongated support.

12. (previously presented): A chain saw as in Claim 11, in which said continuous chain channel guide is in an offset position from one side of said lateral slit to the other.

13. (canceled):

14. (previously presented): A chain saw as in Claim 11, which further comprises a second lateral slit in said continuous chain channel guide which allows effecting an offset of said continuous chain channel guide thereacross.

15. (previously presented): A chain saw as in Claim 14, in which said continuous chain channel guide is in an offset position across said second lateral slit.

16. (canceled):

17. (canceled):

18. (canceled):

19. (previously amended): A chain saw comprising a housing, a chain comprised of links which include chain link mating elements and cutters, and an elongated support extending outward from inside said housing, in the outer surface of said elongated support there being present a continuous chain channel guide into which said chain link mating elements are slidably inserted, such that during normal operation said chain link mating elements slide essentially freely through said continuous chain channel guide when forced to do so, said continuous chain channel guide having means for impeding the slideability of said chain saw chain in said continuous chain channel guide;

said elongated support being slit in a longitudinal direction, such that upper and lower portions above and below the longitudinal slit can be separated from one another, said longitudinal slit enabling separation of the upper and lower portions of said elongated support at least at one location along the longitudinal extent thereof, and thereby causing tensioning of said chain;

said chain saw further comprising control means for applying force between said upper and lower portions of the elongated support.

20. (currently amended): A chain saw as in Claim 19 ~~wherein said means which allows effecting an impeded chain channel guide~~ which further comprises at least one lateral slit ~~laterally thereacross~~ in said elongated support, said at least one lateral slit being oriented substantially perpendicular to said longitudinal slit.

21. (canceled):

22. (canceled):

23. (canceled):

24. (canceled):

25. (canceled):

26. (canceled):

27. (previously amended): A chain saw comprising a housing, a chain comprised of links which include chain link mating elements and cutters, and an elongated support extending outward from inside said housing, in the outer surface of said elongated support there being present a continuous chain channel guide into which said chain link mating elements are slideably inserted, such that during normal operation said chain link mating elements slide essentially freely through said continuous chain channel guide when forced to do so, said continuous chain channel guide having a lateral slit present therein which can be caused to effect an offset of said continuous chain channel guide thereacross;

said elongated support being slit in a longitudinal direction such that upper and lower portions above and below the longitudinal slit can be separated from one another at least at

one location along the longitudinal extent thereof, said longitudinal slit enabling separation of the upper and lower portions of said elongated support, and thereby causing tensioning of said chain;

said chain saw further comprising control means for applying force between said upper and lower portions of the elongated support, said control means being a selection from the group consisting of:

a control means for applying force between said upper and lower portions of the elongated support comprising a fixed element on one of said upper and lower portions of said elongated support and a rotatable element rotatable affixed to the other of said upper and lower portions, said fixed and rotatable elements being fuctionally positioned with respect to one another such that interaction between said fixed and rotatable elements caused by rotating said rotatable element causes said upper and lower portions of the elongated support change position with respect to one another at least one location across said longitudinal slit; and

a control means for applying force between said upper and lower portions of the elongated support comprising a moveable element placed between said upper and lower portions of the elongated support, said moveable element being functionally positioned with respect to said upper and lower portions such that motion thereof causes said upper and lower portions of the elongated support to change position with respect to one another at least one location across said longitudinal slit;

said longtitudinal slit comprising an effective projection on one of said upper and lower portions of the elongated support and an

effective groove present in the other, said effective projection and effective groove being functionally oriented with respect to one another such that said effective projection inserts into said effective groove at locations along said longitudinal slit whereat said upper and lower portions of the elongated support contact one another, said effective projection being of a first color proximally and of a second color peripherally.

28. (canceled):

29. (canceled):

30. (canceled):

31. (previously presented): A chain saw as in Claim 1, in which the control means for applying force between said upper and lower portions of the elongated support comprises a fixed element on one of said upper and lower portions of said elongated support and a rotatable element rotatable affixed to the other of said upper and lower portions, said fixed and rotatable elements being fuctionally positioned with respect to one another such that interaction between said fixed and rotatable elements caused by rotating said rotatable element causes said upper and lower portions of the elongated support change position with respect to one another at least one location across said longitudinal slit.

32. (previously presented): A chain saw as in Claim 8, in which the control means for applying force between said upper and lower portions of the elongated support comprises a fixed element on one of said upper and lower portions of said elongated support and a rotatable element rotatable affixed to the other of said upper and lower portions, said fixed and rotatable elements being fuctionally positioned with respect to one another such that interaction between said fixed and rotatable elements caused by

rotating said rotatable element causes said upper and lower portions of the elongated support change position with respect to one another at least one location across said longitudinal slit.

33. (previously presented): A chain saw as in Claim 11, in which the control means for applying force between said upper and lower portions of the elongated support comprises a fixed element on one of said upper and lower portions of said elongated support and a rotatable element rotatable affixed to the other of said upper and lower portions, said fixed and rotatable elements being fuctionally positioned with respect to one another such that interaction between said fixed and rotatable elements caused by rotating said rotatable element causes said upper and lower portions of the elongated support change position with respect to one another at least one location across said longitudinal slit.

34. (previously presented): A chain saw as in Claim 19, in which the control means for applying force between said upper and lower portions of the elongated support comprises a fixed element on one of said upper and lower portions of said elongated support and a rotatable element rotatable affixed to the other of said upper and lower portions, said fixed and rotatable elements being fuctionally positioned with respect to one another such that interaction between said fixed and rotatable elements caused by rotating said rotatable element causes said upper and lower portions of the elongated support change position with respect to one another at least one location across said longitudinal slit.

35. (previously presented): A chain saw as in Claim 27, which further comprises a second lateral slit in siad continuous chain channel guide which can be caused to effect an offset of said continuous chain channel guide thereacross.

36. (previously presented): A chain saw as in Claim 1, in which

the control means for applying force between said upper and lower portions of the elongated support comprises a moveable element placed between said upper and lower portions of the elongated support, said moveable element being functionally positioned with respect to said upper and lower portions such that motion thereof causes said upper and lower portions of the elongated support to change position with respect to one another at least one location across said longitudinal slit.

37. (previously presented): A chain saw as in Claim 8, in which the control means for applying force between said upper and lower portions of the elongated support comprises a moveable element placed between said upper and lower portions of the elongated support, said moveable element being functionally positioned with respect to said upper and lower portions such that motion thereof causes said upper and lower portions of the elongated support to change position with respect to one another at least one location across said longitudinal slit.

38. (previously presented): A chain saw as in Claim 11, in which the control means for applying force between said upper and lower portions of the elongated support comprises a moveable element placed between said upper and lower portions of the elongated support, said moveable element being functionally positioned with respect to said upper and lower portions such that motion thereof. causes said upper and lower portions of the elongated support to change position with respect to one another at least one location across said longitudinal slit.

39. (previously presented): A chain saw as in Claim 19, in which the control means for applying force between said upper and lower portions of the elongated support comprises a moveable element placed between said upper and lower portions of the elongated

support, said moveable element being functionally positioned with respect to said upper and lower portions such that motion thereof causes said upper and lower portions of the elongated support to change position with respect to one another at least one location across said longitudinal slit.

40. (previously presented): A chain saw as in Claim 27, which comprises means for controling offset across said lateral slit.

41. (previously presented): A chain saw as in Claim 1, in which said longtitudinal slit comprises an effective projection on one of said upper and lower portions of the elongated support and an effective groove present in the other, said effective projection and effective groove being functionally oriented with respect to one another such that said effective projection inserts into said effective groove at locations along said longitudinal slit whereat said upper and lower portions of the elongated support contact one another, said effective projection being of a first color proximally and of a second color peripherally.

42. (previously presented): A chain saw as in Claim 8, in which said longtitudinal slit comprises an effective projection on one of said upper and lower portions of the elongated support and an effective groove present in the other, said effective projection and effective groove being functionally oriented with respect to one another such that said effective projection inserts into said effective groove at locations along said longitudinal slit whereat said upper and lower portions of the elongated support contact one another, said effective projection being of a first color proximally and of a second color peripherally.

43. (previously presented): A chain saw as in Claim 11, in which said longtitudinal slit comprises an effective projection on one of said upper and lower portions of the elongated support and an

effective groove present in the other, said effective projection and effective groove being functionally oriented with respect to one another such that said effective projection inserts into said effective groove at locations along said longitudinal slit whereat said upper and lower portions of the elongated support contact one another, said effective projection being of a first color proximally and of a second color peripherally.

44. (previously presented): A chain saw as in Claim 19, in which said longtitudinal slit comprises an effective projection on one of said upper and lower portions of the elongated support and an effective groove present in the other, said effective projection and effective groove being functionally oriented with respect to one another such that said effective projection inserts into said effective groove at locations along said longitudinal slit whereat said upper and lower portions of the elongated support contact one another, said effective projection being of a first color proximally and of a second color peripherally.

45. (previously presented): A chain saw as in Claim 27, in which the first effective projection first color is green and the second color is red.

Note, while not opposed to providing a Terminal Disclaimer, it is believed that it such should not be required in this case as the invention in the Present Appication is Patentably Distinct in view of the presence of the Longitudinal Slit. If the Examiner disagrees Applicant will reconsider.

Attorney Welch apologizes for the confusion he entered into this case.

It is now believed that the Pending Claims are in order for Allowance, and the Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to provide Notice of Allownace. Should problems remain, please contact Attorney Welch who is open to Examiner suggestion and Amendment.

Sincerely,

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